TY". WE HAVE MANY DOUBLES IN THIS FORM AND COLOR TODAY, INCLUDING OUR LOCAL FAVORITE, CROWN OF BOHEMIA, SAID TO HAVE BEEN ORIGINATED BY STEPHEN VAVRA OF BELLAIR, CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, IF I WERE TO HAZARD AN OPINION, I WOULD SAY THAT THIS VARIETY IS VERY CLOSE TO AN OLD DOUBLE ORANGE KNOWN AS HAWAIIAN GOLDEN.

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CULTURE IN NORTH FLORIDA

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AS IN THE REST OF THE STATE, NORTH FLORIDA SUFFERED RATHER SEVERE DAMAGES FROM THE FREEZE IN EARLY DECEMBER AND AGAIN IN EARLY JANUARY. WE'VE HAD A REAL SETBACK BUT NOT SO MUCH THAT WE CAN'T RECOVER. THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REPLACE WEAK STOCK AND COLLECT NEW ITEMS FOR A MORE VARIABLE COLLECTION. MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO HUNT FOR THOSE RARE VARIETIES YOU'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT.

GETTING BACK TO CULTURE, A FURTHER REMINDER, TAKE IT EASY WITH THOSE CLIPPERS. DAMAGED STOCK SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE A LITTLE LONGER TO SEE EXACTLY HOW MUCH TO CUT BACK. YOU MIGHT BE CUTTING BACK TOO FAR IF CUT BACK TOO SOON. GIVE THE PLANTS PLENTY OF WATER AND AT LEAST ONE MORE APPLICATION OF A HIGH POTASH CONTENT FERTILIZER. AS SOON AS THE FREEZE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE OVER GET STARTED ON THE 4-8-4 OR 6-6-6 FERTILIZER AND ALTERNATE WITH THE ORGANIC FERTILIZER. SIZE AND AGE OF PLANTS VERY MUCH DETERMINE THE QUANTITY TO USE. SPREAD THIS AROUND THE GROUND AWAY FROM THE MAIN TRUNK AND SCRATCH IN AND THEN WATER WELL TO CARRY THE FOOD INTO THE SOIL.

IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE EARLY YET TO WARN ABOUT INSECTS BUT APHIDS MAY APPEAR SHORTLY

AFTER THE WEATHER STARTS WARMING UP. BE PREPARED TO SPRAY WITH A GOOD NICOTINE SPRAY BUT BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS. NEW SHOOTS AND TENDER FOLIAGE ARE MIGHTY INVITING TO INSECTS, SO WATCH OUT FOR OTHER THAN APHIDS ALSO.

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MID-FLORIDA CULTURE

L. K. THOMPSON

AT THE TIME THIS IS WRITTEN (DEC. 15) HIBISCUS IN THIS AREA HAVE SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE COLD DAMAGE, THE FULL EXTENT OF WHICH CANNOT BE APPRAISED UNTIL SPRING. WE HOPE THAT YOU WERE ALL AT LEAST PARTIALLY PREPARED (WHICH WE WERE NOT) AND HAD PROVIDED SOME PROTECTION FOR YOUR PLANTS, AS ADVISED IN THE FALL ISSUE OF THE SEED POD.

ONE THING IS CERTAIN. SEED PRODUCTION WILL BE FAR BELOW EXPECTATIONS, SINCE MOST SEED PODS ALREADY SET WILL BE LOST AND SCARCITY OF BLOOM WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO PRODUCE DESIRED CROSSES UNTIL LATE IN THE SPRING. WE THEREFORE REQUEST OUR MORE FORTUNATE MEMBERS TO TRY TO STEP UP SEED PRODUCTION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR "OPERATION SEED BANK".

BY THE TIME THIS REACHES YOU, SPRING FERTILIZATION WILL BE IN ORDER. MAKE THE FIRST APPLICATION RATHER MODERATE FOR COLD DAMAGED PLANTS AND WITHHOLD HEAVIER APPLICATION UNTIL NEW GROWTH IS WELL STARTED. REMOVE ALL WOOD ABOVE SIGNS OF DAMAGE, EVEN IF IT MEANS HEAVY CUTTING, AS FROST GIRDLING MAY EXIST BELOW THE APPARENT POINTS OF NEW GROWTH.

PREPARE PROPAGATION BEDS, ESPECIALLY FOR HARDWOOD CUTTINGS SOFT WOOD WILL ROOT BETTER LATER, WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE HIGHER.